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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S LUNCH WITH DOBRYNIN

REF: MOSCOW 06749

1. FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE FOR YOUR TALKS
WITH DOBRYNIN:

2. SALT/SUMMIT

YOU SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSION OF A SUMMIT AND LIMIT YOUR RE-
MARKS ON SALT TO MAKING THE SINGLE POINT THAT WE ARE
TAKING THE MOSCOW VISIT SERIOUSLY AND DEVELOPING OUR SALT
POSITION IN PREPARATION.

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3. SHCHARANSKIY

WE FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT TO PUSH
FURTHER ON THIS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DOBRYNIN WILL HAVE
SOME INFORMATION ;O PASS ALONG, AND WE WOULD OF COURSE BE
INTERESTED IN THAT. FYI: WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION

ON SUBJECT OF STATE 083819. END FYI.

4. SOMALIA

YOU MAY TELL DOBRYNIN THAT WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF ETHIOPIAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AT FOUR POINTS ON THE SOMALI BORDER WHICH CONCERN US. WE RAISE THIS BECAUSE RENEWED FIGHTING AND CROSS BORDER ACTIONS WOULD BE A DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT AND A DISTINCTLY DETRIMENTAL TURN OF EVENTS. WE WOULD HOPE THE SOVIETS SHARE THIS VIEW AND WOULD ACT SWIFTLY TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THE ETHIOPIANS TO FORESTALL IT HAPPENING. (SEPTTEL IS UNDER PREPARATION AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO GET IT TO YOU BEFORE THE LUNCH.)

5. ERITREA

YOU MAY SAY THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT MAY HAPPEN AND FEAR THAT THE CONTINUING FLOW OF CUBAN TROOPS INTO ETHIOPIA WILL EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. YOU MAY INQUIRE IF THE SOVIETS SEE ANY PROSPECTS OF CONVINCING MENGISTU OF THE DESIRABILITY OF SEEKING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ERITREA.

6. SOUTHERN AFRICA

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YOU MAY TELL DOBRYNIN THAT WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN RHODESIA AND SEE THIS AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO INSTABILITY AND FURTHER BLOOD-SHED. WE HOPE THE SOVIETS WILL BE COOPERATIVE IN OUR EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

7. PLEASE FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN ABOUT HIS PLANS TO RETURN HERE.

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